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SJC REMEMBERS: Brandon Hardy, 1980-2002

I've always heard about the SJC family, but not until the beginning of my senior year did I truly realize what it really meant. Losing Brandon was like losing my brother. All fifty guys on my team are like brothers to me. It's amazing how close all of us are. Even though he won't be in our dugout, he will be in our hearts, our thoughts, our prayers, and our memories.

---Jimmy Cartwright

There are not enough words or feelings that can be expressed to represent Brandon Hardy. He was a best friend throughout my four years at Saint Joseph's College. Closely knowing him for four years of my life, it is amazing to see the long-lasting impression that he made on others. He loved and cared for his family with all his heart. Brandon also loved those who loved and cared for him. I have nothing but respect for his work ethic and dedication, on and off the field. Brandon Hardy was a caring and loving friend that will be missed tremendously. There will not be a day that goes by that I will not cherish the memories and friendship that I was able to build with Brandon throughout four years of my life. We have suffered the loss of a great human being.

---Mike Eagen

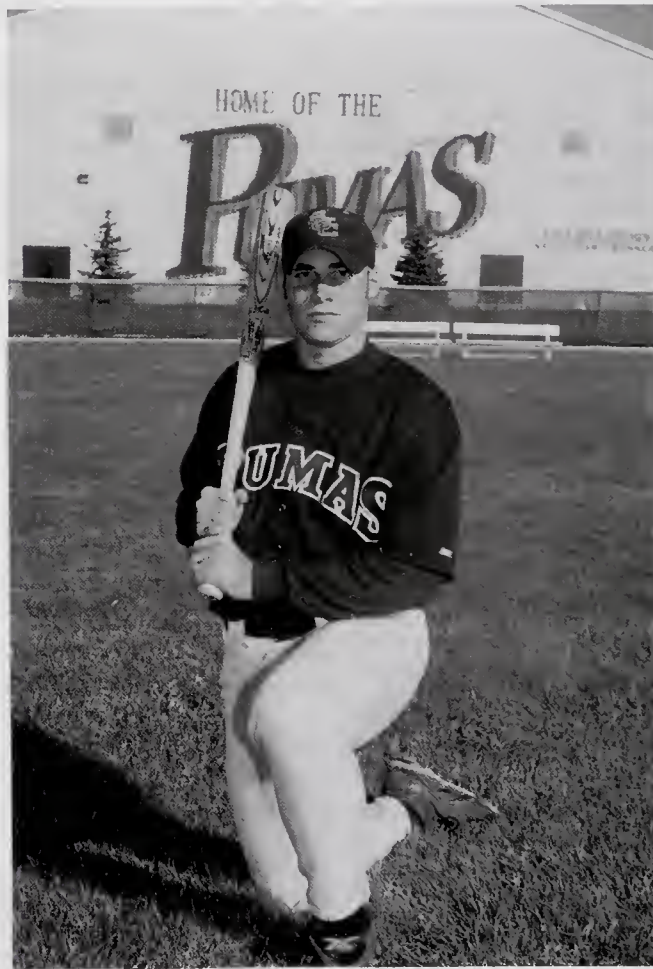


I could write about my boy Hardy all night, so I'll keep it short. Losing Brandon has really been hard on everybody and there is not a day that has or will go by without me thinking about him. I'll miss our times of hanging out with one another and just talking about baseball, girls, and life. I'll always remember when he told me that there were only a couple of people who he trusted at Saint Joseph's College and I am honored to say that I was one of them. Brandon will always be with me and I personally dedicate my season to him. "Winners are made, not born."

---Quinton Allen

The Saint Joseph's College baseball team lost more than it's First Baseman, more than it's clean-up hitter. It lost a leader, its hardest worker, and foremost, a friend. I know of no words that would properly express the magnitude of this loss. Everyday I miss Brandon and everyday I feel the emptiness of his untimely absence. But due to the harsh reality of life, we are forced to fly away from this tragedy on the wings of time. And it is upon these wings we must carry on his legacy and his dream, something I find to be quite an honor. We miss you, #19.

---Garrett Guest



Brandon Hardy was a great teammate and a better friend. He was the kind of person that would do anything he could to help others. I will never forget the courage he showed while fighting through numerous injuries throughout his career and he always came back stronger than before. Brandon was a great friend and I miss him tremendously. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hardy family as well as Sarah Augustine's family.

---Kurt Welsh

Brandon Hardy was someone that did anything for me or for the team. We as a team considered him not only a teammate and a best friend, but a brother. I miss Brandon every day that I walk into Noll or to practice. When we do attendance at practice, we skip over his name. This may be one of the hardest things I have ever had to go through. I talked to Hardy forty minutes before the accident, and one thing I always will remember about him was that he was always high on life. Brandon has made me realize that you have to live your life the best and to the fullest that you can. I will miss you, Brandon; thanks for everything. "We will not give in."

---Jim O'Dette



On December 28, 2002, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the Saint Joseph College baseball team and community suffered its worst loss in school history. That loss was Mr. Brandon Hardy: a son, brother, friend, teammate, and an All-Conference and All-Region Baseball Player. Brandon Hardy was a person with great intensity and excellent knowledge in both the game of baseball and the game of life. He graduated in the spring of 2002 from SJC with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Management, in which he earned over a 3.0 grade point average. After graduating from college, Mr. Hardy had the opportunity to play out a red-shirt season. He already had his degree in hand and was a college graduate with a great future in psychology. That was not good enough for Brandon. His ultimate goal was to help SJC win its first NCAA Division II National Championship, and to better his chances in reaching his life long dream of becoming a professional baseball player.

This fall and winter Brandon was well on his way to achieving both of his goals. He was bigger, faster, and stronger than we had ever seen him. Watching him trying to reach his goals— twenty-four hours a day— was a breath-taking event. Brandon will not be on the field with us physically, but he has left behind a work ethic and intensity that will never leave our hearts and our minds. Thanks for the memories. You will not be forgotten...

---Coach Rick O'Dette

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Observer:

"Appeal: a legal proceeding where a case is brought from a lower court to a higher court." I recently endured a write up that was based on hearsay and lies. To clear up the situation, my father and I had a talk with a member of housing that works for Dean John Keller. When I heard what the student security official documented about the incident, I laughed. The story had to be "juiced" up enough to make it seem as though there really was a reason for security to enter my room. Supposedly there was a full unopened can of beer in the hallway, and it was two doors away from mine. I knew that I would have a chance to appeal and thus present the true evidence in front of a "higher court." As far as I know, to come up with a suitable punishment my situation had to be reviewed by the dean himself. When I received the write up letter, I had been assigned community service and I was to complete the alcohol CD-ROM, but I was given the "right" to an appeal.

Although there is no proof of me consuming alcohol, I have to be written up for it because my room contained empty cans of beer (I also have roommates, but I was the unlucky one who answered the door, so I took the hit.). Many, many rooms had beer that night (homecoming night) and unless security found a reason to enter their room, they got away with it. Well, security singled my room out because a can of beer was sitting in the hallway approximately 13 feet from my door, according to the report. Ok, so the official had as much right to enter any other room as she did mine. But she did not enter other rooms; she wanted to get me. But a corrupt student official is not the problem here; the real problem lies within the system.

I wrote an appeal and it is as follows:

"I wish to appeal the judicial action that is to place me on Disciplinary Admonition. In regards to conduct standard G, it says that I used, provided or had possession of (an) alcoholic beverage(s). I did not use, provide or possess any alcohol. The only evidence of alcohol was empty cans. These cans belonged to my father. The night before the incident we asked a security guard about adults having beer, and he said that it was "ok if Dad has the beer." So, due to false

belief, my father possessed beer in GAL 106.

Conduct standard D states that I failed to comply with the directions of, or cooperate with, a College official operating within the scope of his/her job responsibilities including failure to present a College ID upon request to a College official:

First, we were asked to throw the cans away. We did so and therefore did not fail to comply or cooperate. Next, it implies that the college official was acting within the scope of his/her job responsibilities. I was unaware of the reason she knocked on the door. I assumed it was for the music, but it was before quiet hours, which made me upset that she had come to "bust" us. But we never knew at the time why she was speaking with us yet alone looking in the door and searching for evidence to use against us. This led me to use vulgar language, which was wrong, but that is how I reacted when I could not get any concrete reasons for her being there. I am prepared to pay the consequences for using inappropriate language in regards to the situation. Also, I am sure that when a security official does not let the offender know what they have done wrong and then searches for unrelated evidence that that means they are not acting within their responsibilities. I came to find out from the associate dean of students that the student security official stated that she saw my father with a beer in his hand while he was in the hallway. She reported that he was "drunk." He was not drunk and he did not have a beer. He is willing to testify on those grounds if need be. Finally it says that I failed to present an ID. The ID was in my pocket, but the security official knew my name and I told her that my student ID number is not on my card. So, I just gave her the info that she needed without wasting time with the card.

As for the stipulations that have been assessed, even if I do deserve them it demands that I complete all of them before December 18th. It also states that students are given one month after receiving the letter to meet the requirements. This e-mail was sent out on November 26. I was on a holiday break during this time and when I returned to school on December 2nd I received it. This leaves me 16 days. This is significantly less than one month. Another one of the stipulations is that I take the alcohol video. There is no reason for me to take a video about drinking if I, personally, was not even consum-

ing, providing, or possessing. Even so, I took and completed this video over two years ago when I was caught consuming. I have since been smart with my actions including the date in question. And finally, a letter need not be sent to my father because he was there.

(note: Dean Keller said he asked the security officer on duty that night if he said "it's ok if Dad has the beer". Dean Keller said that the officer did not say that, but I have many witnesses.)"

Well, to my surprise, I received an e-mail from Dean Keller saying that HE reviewed my situation and there was no grounds or new evidence for an appeal. I was led to believe that an appeal meant that a new party or "higher court" took on the case. Maybe this is the reason that all of the controversy on campus in the last 3 semesters has ended up directly linked to Dean Keller. He is the highest power. He obviously enjoys the attention; yet I would assume that he ignores the possible consequences. I am not a vengeful person, but not everyone is like me. As he renovates the campus, all must do as he says, for he is a monarchy. And when he turns this college into "Saint Anderson/Bethel College," I will hopefully be gone before dancing becomes a fineable offense.

The long-term effect of the "Monarchical Reign of Communistic Terror at SJC," as I like to call it, of Dean Keller could lead to anything. Perhaps there will be a higher power that can terminate or control a dean of students, but as far as evidence shows, even the current president is working for the dean. If he is not terminated or forced into an oligarchy of some sort (or, hold your breath, a democracy, just like the most powerful country in the world uses), then this school will lose many future students. Not many people want to play sports for a communistic-based, party-free campus if they can go to IU for a fraction of the cost and have an enjoyable college career. So, lucky for me, I am almost done with school here, so I just hope that this letter is a wake up call to someone with the ability to tame the claws that Dean Keller has dug into the heart of student life at SJC.

-- Andy Cool

The columns
"Rants and
Raves by John
Whelan"
and
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Claws"
will return in
the next issue.

Student Association budget proposals are here! Club representatives should pick one up from the S.A. Office (3rd floor, Halleck) and have it filled out and returned by Jan. 31. Proposals can be dropped off at the Office or to an S.A. executive board member.

Good luck to the championship Mock Trial team as they participate in the regional competition in Ogden, Utah, from Feb. 6 to 9. Team members include: Don Shuler, Sarah Wells, Mike Barry, Jacob Lofgren, Sonia Honkisz, Bob Jansen, Abbey Conner, Gretchen Govert, and coach David DeLauro.

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ulty, and staff- free.

SJC Community Raises Funds to Assist Beloved Professor

By: Bree Ma'Ayteh, Director of Publications and Media Relations

For the past seven years, a Christmastime tradition at Saint Joseph's College has been a "calculus reunion dinner" hosted by Assistant Professor of Mathematics Marge McIlwain. Held for both her former and current calculus students, the reunion took place in McIlwain's home on the Tuesday during finals week at SJC and featured a home-cooked Christmas dinner, complete with all the trimmings.

"She said that for all the students that suffered calculus with her, they deserved a reward,"

said Counseling Services Secretary Joan Cramer. "She usually serves over seventy students a year."

However, a farming accident last August left McIlwain paralyzed from the waist down, causing her to take a leave of absence from the College during the fall semester. So, on December 17th, in place of the calculus reunion, members of the SJC community prepared a special gathering for her, offering her cookies, punch, and a check for \$1,067. The funds will be used to purchase all-terrain wheels for McIlwain's wheelchair, which will allow

her to maneuver through rougher surfaces with less difficulty.

"This event allowed the tradition of her calculus reunion dinner to



Students gather around Assistant Professor of Mathematics Marge McIlwain at a social held in her honor on December 17, 2002.

Photo courtesy of the Office of Publications and Media Relations.

continue, even if it wasn't carried on in the traditional way," commented Director of Academic Services Stacey Russo, one of several people involved in planning the social. "It provided an opportunity for Marge, students, and faculty to be together."

SJC's student body raised the capital for McIlwain's new wheels in several ways. Four hundred and sixty-four students "gave up" one of their meals in SJC's cafeteria in December and donated the proceeds to McIlwain's fund, while SJC chapters of both the Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor so-

ciety (for which McIlwain used to serve as advisor) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes contributed to the fund through their organizations' budgets.

"We [the students] knew that faculty and staff were making meals for Marge and things like that, but we wanted to do something to help out," explained senior mathematics major Sarah Hachey, the student coordinator for the social.

Justin Walters, a senior computer science major at SJC, was one of the many students who donated the cost of his meal to McIlwain's fund. "I was in two of her calculus courses," he said, "and I wasn't a very good student. Marge was always offering to help me and connect me with other students. She also gave me constant updates on what I needed to do to get a higher grade." He added, "I remember seeing her at SJC's Feast of Lessons and Carols in December, and it was the first time [the students] had seen her on campus [since the accident]. I went to see her, and the

first thing she said was, 'How's Calculus Three going?' because she knew I needed to take another calculus class."

Senior mathematics major Erick Smith described McIlwain as a "ball of fire in the classroom." "Even at 8 a.m., she's able to get you excited so that you learn what you need to know."

Professor of Mathematics Karen Donnelly has strong ties with McIlwain on both personal and professional levels. In addition to being a faculty member in the Mathematics Department, she used to baby-sit McIlwain's older children, and both women had daughters

in high school together. "Marge is someone you aspire to be like," she said. "She's a superb teacher and has a wonderful way of connecting with the students. They care so much about her, and they wanted to do something to show how much they appreciate what she's done for them."

Cramer, who helped bake cookies for the evening, recalled that she and several others received roses and "thank you" notes from McIlwain the next day in appreciation for their efforts. "You can't ever get ahead of her," she laughed. "That's just her way."

Russo was pleased with the social and believes it was successful. "Marge has done so much for the students and for Saint Joseph's College, and the SJC community really pulled together and helped each other make this happen," she said. "The night was like a tribute to her for all that she's done."

"She looked very surprised to see us, and you could tell how happy she was that we were there," added Walters. "There were freshmen there who had never even met Marge.... It's obvious the kind of impact she's had on the students."

Smith simply said, "We really need her. It's good to see her back."

McIlwain has been a professor at SJC since 1986 and has served the College in a number of capacities, including dean of freshmen, assistant vice president of academic affairs, and faculty advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta. She also sings with the Saint Joseph's College choir and assists with the regional Science Olympiad. McIlwain returned to the classroom for the winter semester.

SJC Brings New Life to Deteriorating Ecosystems

By: Becky Scherer, News/Opinion Editor

In an effort to restore natural environments on the St. Joseph's College campus, the Biology and Environmental Science Departments at SJC have recently joined forces to carry out the Prairie and Wetland Restoration Project. The project will target approximately thirty-five acres of land from areas of Lake Banet, meadowland near SJC's wastewater treatment plant, and several cornfields on college property.

Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science and Project Coordinator Bob Brodman has already begun work on the project with several students from

last semester's Environmental Systems class, performing tests on the designated sites and conducting research to monitor their progress. "Our goal is to provide habitats that wildlife can use, and a place where students can learn and conduct studies about the environment," he explained.

The project, which will take approximately ten to fifteen years to complete, is currently being financed through grants from the NiSource Environmental Challenge Fund and the U.S. Wildlife Service. Funds will be used to purchase necessary provisions and employ additional workers as needed.

"We plan to restore more acreage every year, so when the grants run out, we'll seek more funding through research grants," Brodman said. "I want to make prairie and wetland restoration an ongoing project for my classes in years to come."

Because the project's first priority is to repair natural habitats, Brodman and his team do not plan to manually introduce any rare animals into newly restored land. "The idea is ethically based and similar to a doctor's Hippocratic oath [to preserve life]," he said. "If animals are placed into an environment that's inappropriate for them, they

could die. It's better for them to migrate naturally."

However, the team will introduce salamanders, a more common species, into select areas so they can conduct a controlled experiment to monitor the salamanders' response to mosquitoes. "We want to see how the salamanders react as predators by seeing how they control the mosquito population," Brodman explained.

For more information about the Prairie and Wetland Restoration Project, contact Brodman via e-mail at bobb@saintjoe.edu or log on to

www.saintjoe.edu/academics/env_science/fstation.htm.

To make a submission to either the Opinion or News section of The Observer, please email Becky Scherer at rsh4164@saintjoe.edu.

* All submissions to the Opinion page must be signed.

Right to Life Marches in D.C.

Melissa Genova
Editor-in-Chief

Last week marked the 30th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision which made abortion legal in the United States. Those celebrating and protesting the decision gathered in front of the White House to support their cause, and St. Joseph's College's Right to Life club was among the crowd, which reached nearly ten thousand people. The Right to Life members, and students/alumni supporting pro-life, traveled 13 hours by bus to Washington D.C. in protest of the Roe vs. Wade decision.

Susan Huss, president of RTL, had been an avid pro-life supporter growing up, and was directly involved with the fight. In the past, she has helped prepare bulletins and was part of two Life Chains in Northwest Indiana. It has been a political topic she has also tried to tackle during any debate opportunity. "I grew up with a mother that was very active in the pro-life fight, so in a way you can say the fight was passed on. However, as an adult now, I am able to make my own decisions about the issue, and I agree with my mother that abortion is one of the biggest evils in our society, though it is one of the easiest to cure," said Huss.

Freshman Christie VanEyck has had a more personal connection to the issue, which swayed her to become actively involved. "Two good friends of mine got pregnant my senior year of high school. One chose to keep her baby, and one chose to have an abortion. When I heard my friend who was having the abortion made her final

decision, my heart sank. I felt this terrible feeling of sadness," said VanEyck. Her personal stance on the issue also became clear that moment.

The students who protested feel that their efforts were not in vain. Whether their motivation was personal and religious, the march most certainly

abortion issue thanks to her job in a doctor's office. "One of my duties is to give patients insurance referrals so that their insurance company will pay for procedures being done. I was tricked by a patient while I was working. She was pregnant, and I thought that she wanted a referral to see her OB/GYN,

they look back and realize that her sister would not be here if her mother had gone through with the procedure."

SJC students felt a stronger bond with each other after the march, too. "I want to say that this experience was the best thing I have done at SJC so far. I made some great friends, stood up for a great cause, and I made a thousand memories," said VanEyck, who also sensed a communal connection. "Not only did I feel a definite bond between the people from



SJC's chapter of Right To Life survived a thirteen hour bus ride and freezing weather to participate in a national rally against abortion in Washington D.C. (right): Susan Huss and Heather Mikus actively involved with the protest (left): The students and staff huddle in the cold for a quick pose with their signs



drew attention to the pro-life issue to politicians in Washington D.C. "I think our presence year after year will slowly nag at the minds of pro-choice politicians...Right now is a good time for us since we have a pro-life president and other strong pro-life politicians. I also think we can slowly change the minds of pro-choice people by educating them," said Huss.

Although their were dual sides in D.C., the pro-lifers outweighed those in celebration of the Roe vs. Wade anniversary. Huss said, "I know there was a march for abortion somewhere, but we did not see it."

"It was amazing to see all of the support for the cause," said freshman Heather Mikus, who only recently found herself in first-hand contact with the

but later I found out that I gave her a referral to have an abortion," said Mikus, who felt a pinge of guilt despite the fact that she was not aware of the woman's intentions. "...I still felt partially responsible. Going on this trip was part of a healing process for me," said Mikus.

The trip not only allowed students to voice their side of the issue, but to vicariously experience other protestors' stories. "I met a girl at the march whose mother tried three times to abort her sister, but somehow was thwarted each time," said Huss, "She said that made the issue very personal for her and her family because now

SJC, but the people from all over the country. There was a definite sense of unity amongst the thousands of people there."

There were drawbacks to the midweek travel, but Huss overcame it. "The idea of missing a few days of classes was somewhat daunting, but I knew this was something I had to do," Huss said.

The Right to Life club has been actively involved this year, which has pleased Huss. One of the main events was a baby shower that collected maternity goods for Birthright, which Susan felt was one of the highlights of the year. RTL has also hosted a 12 hour long prayer vigil and sent a petition to Congress dealing with the elimination of partial-birth abortions.

Business Department Undergoes Major (and Minor) Changes

Melissa Genova
Editor-in-Chief

Last week, the Saint Joseph's College Business Department held a meeting that included student attendance of approximately 100, where the department announced the changes in the business program. Seniors and juniors remain nearly unaffected by the alterations to the Business Department and majors; the new itinerary applies to incoming freshmen.

There has been some courses added/dropped to the various Business curriculum. Some of those classes that will be disposed of are Financial Analysis and Control (FIN 306), Buyer Behavior (MKT 224), Corporate Finance I & II (FIN 303 & 304), and while Advanced Computer Applications will still be offered, it is no longer part of the Management Major/Minor required curriculum. What was currently known as the "Commerce Division," will now be referred to as the "Business Administration Division." There are no changes in the amount of credits required for each major or minor, though.

A new required course, called "The Crucible" (BUS 351) will be required of all majors related to the Business Department. The course requires a student to have a 2.5 GPA by their junior

year, when it is taken. The Crucible simulates a realistic work setting where students will work in teams.

The department has also created an SJC Business Network, where select students will associate themselves with alumni in Chicago and Indianapolis, attending receptions and networking. Sixteen students have already been selected for the 2003 Network: Niki Harris, Jason Funk, Suzanne Ganter, Elizabeth Graf, Jennifer Jasinski, Nick Masterson, Ryan Messner, Amy Myers, Stan Mucenski, Lauren Roberts, Lisa Scherb, Martin Sweigert, Justin Terria, Jeremy Trennepohl, Kurt Welsh, and J.C. Wilkinson.

Professor Michael Oakes and Professor Linda McFarland are currently teaching a special topics course dealing with Chinese business environment. Both professors having first hand experience with Chinese culture, and realize the value of this course. McFarland acknowledges that China is one of the premier countries that American business deals with, so it is important for business students to be familiar with the customs and history of the Chinese business networks.

The modifications will keep SJC up-to-date with the contemporary business world, as well as applying a stronger sense of ethics and character development to the student's curriculum.



Puma Profile : Matt Wright

Who is he?

Matt Wright, Boiler and Mechanical Foreman

What does he do?

Oversee heating and plumbing activity in all the buildings on campus; fix leaky pipes, broken water mains; he and his crew are often called upon to make repairs at night and early morning.

Did you know...?

Matt was 20 years old when he began working for the College in March of 1968. He is fond of the priests and brothers on campus and considers them like members of his family. He extends special thanks to the late Bro. Frank Werling, C.PPS., Brother Tim Hemm, C.PPS. '70, and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Rev. Edward P. McCarthy, C.PPS. '35.

He loves auto racing and often helps his brother-in-law (a race car driver) maintain his car both before and during a race.

The members of his family, which include his wife, Cheryl, son, John Wright '92, and daughters Wanda and Jessica, are the most important people in his life. "When I was young and working all those hours, my family really supported me. There were times when I was only home to eat, shower, and sleep; my wife was very patient," he said.

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Gang Ministry Inspires SJC Students

Bridget Newman
Sports Editor

“My friend was going out one night,” Gold G told us “real late at night. I asked him where he was going. He said, ‘Just come with me.’ I followed him into an empty apartment building. A bunch of guys were standing around and they handed us bats. ‘Go beat this dude in another gang’ they told us ‘or we beat you.’”

Sometimes in life people are not left with many choices. If you live in the projects, in Cabrini Green, you have even less. Many people think of the projects and think of drugs, violence, and poverty. They think of a place you’d have to be forced to drive by at night. Roll your windows up. Lock your doors. Keep your pepper spray handy. Wear neutral colors. Don’t look anyone in the eye. These are the rules of the streets, as many people understand them. But what most people *don’t* realize is that they don’t know much at all about life in the projects.

Two men that have come to know that life well are Brothers Bill Thomes and Jim Fogarty. They are members of Brothers and Sisters of Love, an organization that is a part of Catholic Charities. The Criminal Justice Club sponsored a panel/forum on January 23 during which both brothers and four gang members spoke and answered questions.

Brother Bill first entered the streets of the Chicago public housing projects in 1983. A gang called the Gangster Disciples voted on whether or not to kill him the first day. They decided no, that instead they would protect him, which meant killing anyone that tried to

hurt Bill. Brother Bill told them, though, that all people are his brothers and sisters. From then on, Bill became integrated into the community. Brother Bill played basketball with them and got to know many people in the area.

Violence spread like a plague in the projects, though. Brother Bill had many attempts made on his life. He has stood between warring gangs to stop them from shooting. They say, “He can’t be killed.” Brother Jim Fogarty works with Bill in the projects. He first heard about Bill’s work in August of 1984 and started work with him in September of the same year.

The Brothers and Sisters of Love have two parts to their mission. The first, of course, is love. Father Jim says on the group’s website (www.catholiccharities.net/bsl/index.htm) “Love is the heart of our ministry. Everything we do comes forth from this.” The second part of the group’s mission is trust in God. “Often we do not know how we are going to do something and we have to put it in God’s hands.”

Students and faculty alike had the unique opportunity to ask gang members, some inactive and some still active, about what life is like for them now and how it was growing up.

“Gangs are everywhere,” one of them said. “I grew up reading graffiti not Dr. Seuss.” The panelists recalled how they each got involved in gangs. It seemed that all of them didn’t see any alternatives. “Some gangs will assume if you’re not in their gang, then you are in a different gang and that’ll get you shot.”

Gold G, the poet of the group, said, “My life was affected by what was outside my house. When I was in my house, when I with my mom, I was a respectable guy. But when I left I was somebody else. All I knew is my building. My building’s gone now, but it’s still in my heart.” The Cabrini Green housing projects of Chicago began to be torn down in 1995.

It seemed that most students asked questions about what Saint Joseph’s College students can do, or what people who don’t know poverty can do, to help. Professor Charles Kerlin, for

example, asked why they didn’t apply for financial aid and try to further their education. One of the panelists replied that many of the project citizens know how to get a college or job application. They said if someone wanted to help the best way would be going through communities. Give kids something to do. Raise funds for after-school programs. Show older men and women how to apply for jobs and college. Too many people assume that they are lazy and ignorant.

Gold G, a former Cabrini Green resident, said he would love to go to college. He said that he applied for financial aid but was denied because his mother made too much money. Unfortunately our system cannot meet everyone’s needs. It is unfortunate for Gold G, who has the skill and desire to be a very successful writer. It is unfortunate for everyone else who will never get to hear his words that speak so clearly about a life most people will never understand.

Zwan at the Cabaret Metro, 1-19-03

Corgan’s Newest Venture is not just the Remnants of the Pumpkins

Gregorio Pulido
staff writer

Billy Corgan is back, but this time it’s nothing but smiles. The former leader of The Smashing Pumpkins has a new band, Zwan, and they are the hottest ticket in town. While you may recognize Corgan, the rest of the alt-

rock supergroup consists of Jimmy Chamberlin (drummer) also from The Smashing Pumpkins, Paz Lenchantin (bass) formerly of A Perfect Circle, Matt Sweeney (guitar) and formerly of Chavez, and David Pajo (guitar) of the underground indie band, Slint. The last time a Corgan band played at Metro, it was a marathon 4 1/2 hour show to kill off The Smashing Pumpkins, and some people have been waiting ever since to see what Mr. Corgan brings around next time.

Zwan opened their set with the epic “Mary Star of the Sea.” Not many bands have the guts to open with a 15 minute song, but Zwan pulled it off beautifully. “Mary” is an ethereal, bombastic journey that will leave your jaw on the floor by the time it’s over. Jimmy Chamberlin makes this song his own by an inspired performance on drums. Thoughts come to mind of the scene in The Matrix where the Agent is punching Neo so fast that he appears to have several arms. Just apply that to a drummer, and that’s what it’s like.

The show was filled with songs for everyone. Fans expecting the metal anthems were not disappointed. “Spilled Milk” was just what they ordered, a Led Zeppelin meets Black Sabbath jam, with more loud guitars than you can handle.



Photo by Gregorio Pulido

Fans seeking the traditional love song were appeased as well, with the “Disarm”-esque “Of A Broken Heart.” Perhaps the biggest potential hit played was “Lyric”, a “Tonight, Tonight” for the new millennium. The lyrics included the lines “Here comes my faith/ to carry me on/ a faith not ungreat” and a beautiful vocal harmony by Paz.

“Lyric” is also good example of the underlying themes of faith and hope reoccurring in Zwan’s music. Long gone are the doom and gloom of The Smashing Pumpkins. a fresh of breath air has arrived in the form of Zwan.

Music Review : The Reunion Show “Kill Your Television”

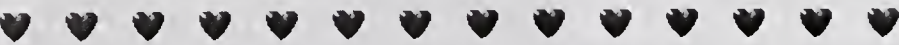
Alex Lisack
Staff Writer

Once again, Victory Records signs another good band. Victory Records located in the great city we know as Chicago recently signed The Reunion Show and immediately threw them into a studio in Los Angeles with producer Nick Raskulinecz who has worked with bands such as the Foo Fighters and Jimmy Eat World. The new record “Kill Your Television” is their first release on a record label. Their other E.P. that was only sold at their shows and through underground distribution was able to secure The Reunion Show a pretty impressive fanbase.

The band formed in Long Island, NY in early 2000. Quickly after their

formation they were on tour with fellow New York band, Brand New. Luckily, I had a chance to see them at a small venue near my hometown to pick up their first E.P., known as the “Motion” E.P. The new record includes some of the same tracks plus a few additions. The music is very “hook-heavy” and includes poppy keyboards and melodic guitar. Some friends of theirs who also be in a little band called Taking Back Sunday helped them get signed to Victory.

Check them out:
Step 1: Go to www.victoryrecords.com
Step 2: Download the song “Art of Nothing”
Step 3: Be incredibly happy because this song and band is awesome



Observer Contest!

In honor of one of the most loved and despised holidays of the Western world, Valentine’s Day, The Observer is holding a cutest couple contest. There will be a display outside the cafeteria next week where you can cast your vote. The winning couple will receive movie and dinner gift certificates.

The nominees are:

Students:
Jackie Whan & Don Shuler
Louis Scott & Beth Lipinski
Jen Steele & Stan Mucenski
Kris Dougherty & Nick Schweiss

Faculty:

Susan & David Chattin
John & Heidi Rahe
Peter & Jodi Watkins
Bill & Teresa Massoels



Melissa’s 100 Word Movie Review...

Chicago

Director: Rob Marshall
Cast: Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere
, John C. Reilly, Queen Latifah

The transition from stage to film is often detrimental, especially when you use an A-list star cast. This movie is an exception. The actors have all proved themselves to be triple threats in the Vaudeville/Jazz era musical, and Gere tap-danced his way to my heart. The film conversion allowed for effects that cannot be completely duplicated on the stage, i.e. “reality-shot” splicing during the Merry Murderessess’ “Cell Block Tango” stories. The intricate and Fosse-true choreography, glittery costumes, amazing cinematography and a classic storyline that delves into the 1920’s Chicago underworld and musical stage provide the movie with “All that Jazz.”

reviewed by Melissa Genova, Editor-in-Chief

Health News: The Atkins Diet

Jaclyn L. Keefe
Reporter

With an introduction by
Bridget Newman
Sports Editor

The New Year is usually synonymous with one word: DIET! Post-Thanksgiving and Christmas the executives from Bally's and Xenadrine and Healthy Choice must get together and decide to make the public feel really bad about a few extra pounds; it works! Bally's commercials feature men and women who are already in great shape doing Tae-Bo and pumping iron like they need the work-I think not!

Chances are if you are in a fitness center or buying dietary supplements and Healthy Choice pudding it is because you actually need to get in shape! Are you sick of counting calories? Don't have time to get to the gym? There may be a solution that works for you. Observer reporter Jaclyn Keefe looks into the newest diet that has everyone talking-The Atkins Diet.

Dr. Robert C. Atkins is the inventor of the Atkins Diet. He promises that you will lose weight and not be hungry with his low-carbohydrate (carb) diet. His diet plan revolves around one simple principle-carbohydrates, without exercise, will make fat. So, then, why eat them? When you reduce carbs and increase

your protein intake, your body will naturally lose weight by burning stored fat more efficiently.

Just like most diets, there are some foods you cannot eat with the Atkins diet. Foods that are high in carbs are strictly prohibited. Some examples of high carb foods are pasta, bread, and rice. Meals without bread might seem strange but with a low carb diet you can increase your fat intake. High amounts of meat and cheeses are the main foods to be consumed. Because such foods are generally high in fat they can also be more filling so you will be less likely to snack. You can cook with butter, put mayo on your tuna, and olive oil on your salads.

It is essential to the Atkins diet that the carb intake is less than 20 grams per day in the few two or three weeks. After that, the number of carbs may increase slightly. As with most diets, the Atkins diet works best in addition to exercise and drinking lots of water.



On Brandon Hardy

A note from the Sports Editor

Until January 16th I knew only three things about Brandon Hardy; he played baseball at SJC, he was a senior, and he died in a car accident 15 minutes from my front door.

My mom told me about the accident over the phone the night after he was killed. I didn't really know how to feel. I was sad, but I could not put a face to the name. I could not make myself rewind memories of him because I had none. I thought it wasn't that hard to say goodbye to someone I've never said hello to.

On January 16th I learned a new lesson about life and about death. I sang in the choir that night. I saw students file in-first the baseball team, then others-friends, teachers, faculty, classmates, and maybe others like me who did not know him. The chapel filled pew after pew. It wasn't easier because I didn't know him. It was harder. I saw how many lives he must have touched, how many people were better because of him. It made my wish I had been lucky enough to have the opportunity of knowing this soul that had meant so much to so many.

I put this message here, on these pages because Brandon was a baseball player and, according to teammates, one of the best we've ever had. Brandon Hardy will forever be remembered. He is remembered for his bright spirit, his leadership, his compassion, and his friendship. He reminded the Saint Joseph's College community that life is precious. It is too short to stand idly by.

*Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.*

-- Bridget Newman



SJC Fan Club



Heather Allen: A Force to be Reckoned With

Cassandra Wagner
Reporter



Favorites

Sport: Basketball
Food: Hot wings
Clothing Item: Sweat pants
Color: Black
Movie: G.I. Jane
Book: The Bible
Song: Amazed by Lonestar
Place: Home
Class: Human Resource Management
Professor: Dr. Ryan

Imagine you are on your way to St. Louis on a bus full of people in the middle of an ice storm, and suddenly the bus breaks down. The bus isn't able to go over 30 miles per hour, and must transport you and the other passengers to safety. The bus finally makes it to the airport where you and the other passengers rent cars, and use these to safely transport you to your ultimate destination, a basketball tournament. This might sound like the trailer to "Speed 3," but this was an adventure our women's basketball team went through this season.

Heather Allen, a junior member of the women's team, retold this story about her adventure with the team during a recent interview. Heather, a management major from Frankfort, IN, told about her early interest in basketball when she was only in the second grade. Her interest was peaked when she and her brothers and sisters played. She first got involved in the sport when a local coach put together a program for the elementary school kids to play basketball on Saturdays. This early start helped form the player and the person she is today.

"Basketball consumes my life." She said as a smile stretched from ear to ear. Her goals for the season are to make it to the GLVC tournament and to do well, hopefully even to win it. Heather doesn't limit her goals to

basketball. On a more personal note, she plans on graduating next year, and finding a nice job and eventually starting a family of her own.

Heather is excited to be working with Coach Raff this season, and says that she hopes he continues to bring enthusiasm with him the rest of this season and next. She is really excited about all the recruits, but is sad to only have one year left.

Congratulations

to

Hodges Smith!

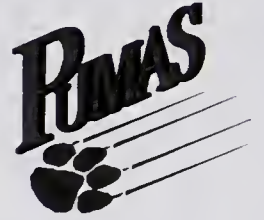
Hodges Smith scored his 1,000th point Saturday January 4th in the Northern Kentucky

game. He became the 35th Puma men's basketball player to do so, and now

sits 33rd on the all-time SJC scoring list with 1,008 points. Smith is a senior from Chicago, Illinois.

Courtesy of Clark Teuscher

Upcoming Puma Events



Men's and Women's Track and Field

January 31st
vs. Lewis
(Romeoville, IL)
4:00pm

February 8
GLVC/GLIAC
Challenge
University Center, MI
11:00am

Men's Basketball

February 1st
vs. Indianapolis
7:30pm
Away

February 6th
vs. Univ. of WI Parkside
7:45pm
Away

February 8th
Lewis University
3:15pm
Away

Women's Basketball

February 1st
vs. Indianapolis
5:30pm
Away

February 6th
vs. Univ. of WI Parkside
5:30pm
Away

February 8th
Lewis University
1:00pm
Away

Jamie Holden: Intensity and Skill, a Deadly Combination

Sarah Bozenda
Reporter



Favorites

Food: Barbeque Ribs
Movie: Hoosiers
T.V. Show: Sports Center
Book: Catcher in the Rye
Professor: Teresa Massoels
Class: Marketing Research
Color: Blue
Place to be: Anywhere with friends

With his father coaching and his two older brothers playing, #10 junior guard Jamie Holden developed a love for the game of basketball around the age of four. Holden was born and raised in Beavercreek, Ohio. He names his family as his influence in life and in the game.

Holden has really bonded with his teammates. Everyday is an adventure with this year's team. With pranks and jokes happening all the time, one would never know what to expect. He really likes the fact that the team is like a big family and that there is a lot of unity. He feels coach Linc Darnier pushes the team hard to perform well, yet still treats the players very well. Holden says that Darnier expects a lot of the team, but at the same time, gives a lot back.

Holden has an intense love of the game adopted from his brothers. He feels that basketball is a great challenge. When he's out on the court, he knows that there are 12 other guys that have his back on the court and off.

At 5'9" Holden is the second shortest player on the team. When most people think of a basketball player build the first thing they'll say is tall. Holden, though, has learned to use his height to his advantage. He's quick. Opposing players don't see him coming. He's quick with assists, always looking for the best play.

Watching Holden on the court is a thrill. His intensity is displayed as he dives into the crowds to save the ball before it goes out of bounds, throwing himself to the ground for a foul, and praising his teammates on good plays.

Holden says that his most memorable moment while playing for Saint Joseph's was when the Pumas lost a major conference game by 3 points against Southern Indiana-Evansville. The team, as of January 24, were 8-9 and 4-6 in conference.

He's majoring in Marketing with a double minor in Management and Computer Science. With a laugh, Holden said he just hopes to be making a lot of money.



If you are interested in writing for the sports pages contact Bridget Newman at bnh3998@saintjoe.edu

Top 5 Movie Quotes of the Week:

Compiled by Tim Hayes

5. *Four Weddings and a Funeral*

"Do you think there really are people who can just go up and say, 'Hi, babe. Name's Charles. This is your lucky night?'" -Charles (Hugh Grant)
 "Well, if there are, they're not English." -Matthew (John Hannah)

4. *L. A. Story*

"Do bullets go bad?" Trudi (Marilu Henner)
 "No, it's not like milk. They don't have expiration dates or anything." -Harris (Steve Martin)

3. *Maltese Falcon*

"I distrust a close-mouthed man. He generally picks the wrong time to talk and says the wrong things. Talking's something you can't do judiciously, unless you keep in practice. Now, sir, we'll talk if you like. I'll tell you right out, I'm a man who likes talking to a man who likes to talk." -Kasper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet)

2. *North by Northwest*

"In the world of advertising, there's no such thing as a lie. There's only expedient exaggeration." -Roger Thornhill (Cary Grant)

1. *The Seventh Seal*

"Love is as contagious as a cold. It eats away at your strength, morale...If everything is imperfect in this world, love is perfect in its imperfection." -Jons (Gunnar Bjornstrand)

Courtesy of home.earthlink.net/~ajdlro/quoteright.html

Useless Information

*The only 15 letter word you can make without repeating any letters is "uncopyrightable."

*48% of astronauts experience motion sickness.

*90% of you body is hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, and nitrogen.

*Aspirin was discovered during experimentation with a waste product.

*Half the world's population has seen at least one James Bond movie.

*365 different languages are spoken in the country Indonesia.

*A person spends an average of one hour and six minutes per day on traveling.

Courtesy of Delia's catalog "When I rule the World," 1999.

What D'Ya Know?

Bump in the Night: Answer these questions about your favorite horror films:

1. What movie is known for it's lead character in a hockey mask?
 a. *Halloween*
 b. *Friday the 13th*
 c. *Leather Face*

2. What movie stars Jamie Lee Curtis?
 a. *Scream*
 b. *Child's Play*
 c. *Halloween*

3. What movie had a criminal come to life in the form of a doll?
 a. *Puppet Master*
 b. *Pet Cemetary*
 c. *Child's Play*

4. In what movie were the stories of death told and then mocked by a killer?
 a. *Urban Lengends*
 b. *Final Destination*
 c. *Vampire's seduction*

Answers:

1. b 2. c 3. c 4. a

Quiz courtesy of coolquiz.com

Where Is My Dream?

excitement is
 so far away
 it has escaped my vision.

where is my dream?

i had it in my hand
 not so long ago,
 it was light and soft
 like a feather
 but somehow,
 it got away
 and lost itself,
 too weak to
 overcome
 the world's harsh winds.

i long to have my dream
 that was a voice
 pushing, urging me

to take the chance,
 to keep my visions,
 to never let them go.

but i let it go.

~Natalie Lapacek

- - What's That Line Again? - -

Did you ever listen to a song and hear one thing, only to find out later that what the lyrics actually are were a totally different thing? Well, you're not alone. Here are the misheard lyrics from some of your favorite artists' songs.

Song: *Even Flow*

Artist: Pearl Jam

What They Heard: "Oh, oat bran, he can't help it when his hubby looks insane."

Correct Lyrics: "Oh, dark grin, he can't help, when he's happy looks insane."

Song: *Spiderwebs*

Artist: No Doubt

What They Heard: "An evil mass of jelly calling you back."

Correct Lyrics: "Leave a message and I'll call you back."

Song: *Pour Some Sugar on Me*

Artist: Def Leppard

What They Heard: "Poor son, shoot

your own leg.."

Correct Lyrics: "Pour some sugar on me"

Song: *Down in It*

Artist: Nine Inch Nails

What They Heard: "I was on the Muppets."

Correct Lyrics: "I was up above it."

****If you have a song lyric that you've interpreted incorrectly, and you would like to have it in the Observer, email it to Susan Huss. ****

Source: *When a Man Loves a Walnut*, by Gavin Edwards.

SJC Poet's Corner

Reality

Two eyes, two ears,
 a mouth, and nose.
 Ten fingers, two hands,
 two feet, ten toes.
 One breast,
 two breasts.
 Most men,
 ignore all the rest.
 One cheek,
 two cheeks,
 smooth cheeks,
 butt cheeks.
 Back to the face.
 Lips so red
 and lush.
 Rosey cheeks
 ready to blush.
 The glare,
 off the glass,
 of the windows,
 on her face,
 glimmers under the moonlight.
 A smile so big,
 so full of content.
 Off into the woods,
 to a beach we went.
 Hand in hand, foot in foot,
 one atop the other.
 Softly kissing, gently embracing,
 the prescence of one another.
 An hour or two had passed,
 and then another.
 We wanted the moment to last,
 so we spent yet another.
 Under the cloudless, starry, sky,
 on that clear night in June.
 Twas just her and I,
 and the light from the moon.

~Stephen Kraemer

****If you or anyone you know is interested in submitting their poetry, cartoons, art or other creative expressions, e-mail Susan Huss at shg3609@saintjoe.edu. ****

I Will Create My Own Destiny

I
 I will.
 I will always try.
 I will fall in love.
 I will savor each day.
 I will protect the earth.
 I will walk on the moon.
 I will win a Nobel Prize.
 I will embrace diversity.
 I will smell all the roses.
 I will build a skyscraper.
 I will heal those that hurt.
 I will minister to the poor.
 I will live the word of God.
 I will give to those in need.
 I will create my own destiny.
 I will imagine the possibilities.
 I will shatter an Olympic record.
 I will teach others all that I know.
 I will read a book that I have written.
 I will be President of the United States.
 I will star in a play that I have directed.
 I will dedicate my life to serving others.
 I will buy a CD of music I have composed.
 I will create technology to improve society.
 I will sing the National Anthem at the super bowl.
 I will save lives with a cure that I have discovered.
 I will see the brightest side and the fullest cups.
 I will work in a place that makes me happy.
 I will design a house my family can live in.
 I will make life easier with my inventions.
 I will touch the lives of those around me.
 I will walk in fields that I have planted.
 I will see the face of Jesus in everyone.
 I will bring peace to warring nations.
 I will eat food that I have grown.
 I will dance in a sold-out theater.
 I will trust others to trust in me.
 I will help others to find a job.
 I will listen to the problems.
 I will suggest the answers.
 I will chance my dreams.
 I will follow my heart.
 I will lead the way.
 I will not give up.
 I will not give in.
 I will succeed.
 I will.
 I

~Bridget Newman